



Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments of NM

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2001 TRAFFIC FLOW MAPS RELEASED FOR URBAN AREA

The Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) is pleased to announce the publication of the 2001 Traffic Flow Maps for the greater Albuquerque area. These maps provide average weekday traffic data for all roads in the Albuquerque area classified as urban collector or higher. Traffic Flow Maps are published each year and are a product of the MRGCOG's ongoing traffic counting program.

The portion of roadway with the highest traffic volume in 2001 was Coors Boulevard just north of Paseo del Norte. Total traffic crossing the river increased by less than 1 percent from 2000, due in part to actual decreases in traffic on the I-40, Central and Rio Bravo bridges across the Rio Grande.

MRGCOG is a voluntary association of counties, municipalities, and other local governments and organizations in central New Mexico. The MRGCOG collects and distributes data such as the Traffic Flow Map to assist local officials in making informed, effective decisions about regional transportation issues.

The urban area Traffic Flow Maps are available in two sizes: 11x17 and poster. Single copies of the 11x17 map are free of charge, with additional maps costing \$.32 cents each. The charge for poster sized maps is \$1.31. Copies may be obtained at MRGCOG's offices at 317 Commercial NE, Suite 104, Albuquerque, NM.

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	Intersection	Total Vehicles Passing Through
1	Montgomery/San Mateo	99,272
2	Montgomery/Wyoming	95,536
3	Menaual/San Mateo	90,424
4	Lomas/San Mateo	81,849
5	Menaual/Wyoming	77,767

- 5 busiest intersections in 1999

1	Montgomery/San Mateo	95,954
2	Montgomery/Wyoming	91,788
3	Menaual/San Mateo	83,513
4	Menaual/Wyoming	76,474
5	Lomas/San Mateo	71,775

- Traffic Flow Maps are available to the public from MRGCOG. We publish a small version (11 x 15.5) and a large, poster-size one (20.5 x 27.5). The first small one is free (each additional one is 32 cent) and the large one costs \$1.32.
- Traffic Flow Map is also available on-line at www.mrgcog.org ("maps"-link) in pdf format.
- Total river crossings volume (is US 550, Alameda, PDN, Montano, I-40, Central, Bridge, Rio Bravo and I-25 crossings added together) was 381,000 in 1999 and is now 395,000. This points to increasing development on the West Side.
- West Side growth also visible on West Side roads. Paradise Boulevard experienced huge increases in traffic volume. Especially east of Golf Course: 12,000 (1999) – 23,000 (2001).
- 1999 reflects pre-Big I reconstruction conditions on the Interstates, and 2001 reflects during Big-I reconstruction conditions on the Interstates.
- All major roads in 4 counties are counted once every 3 years with tubes.
- Rural traffic flow maps (for Sandoval, East Mountains, Valencia, and Torrance) will be available in a few months.
- Data displayed on maps is available in more detail (stored in 15 minute intervals) at MRGCOG for small fee.